



Snohomish County
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Snohomish County
Emergency Response Agencies

Re: Mass Fatality Plan

Dear County Agency Officials:

I am pleased to transmit the Snohomish Medical Examiner's Office Mass Fatality Plan. This Plan and the related policies and procedures are excerpted from the SCMEO Policies and Procedures Manual, Emergency / Disaster policy and Procedures and include the following:

- Section 3. Mass Fatality Policy with attached Mass Fatality Plan
- Section 4. Contaminated Remains
- Section 5. Mass Burial
- Section 6. Pandemic Influenza Plan

These policies, procedures and plans were adopted by the SCMEO as of January 12, 2011 and will serve as guidelines to assist in making an optimized response to a Mass Fatality Incident (MFI).

It is my hope that this plan will increase your understanding of the Medical Examiner's Office, the public services and coordination that will be required, and your role and relationship with this office in the event of a mass fatality event.

The Medical Examiner's Office serves the public health, safety, law and justice, and the family of the deceased. Whether dealing with a single death or multiple deaths, the same standards of forensic pathology are applied. Each death represents a unique person who is loved by a surviving relative or friend and deserving of dignity and respect.

Thank you for your support of this office. I will be happy to respond to any questions or comments about this Mass Fatality Plan and would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Norman Thiersch, M.D.
Chief Medical Examiner